

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Gerard Harbison, Chair
December 2011 - November 2012
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 11, 2012**

Responsibilities:

- A. Formulate and recommend to the Faculty Senate, to the Colleges, and to the Chancellor goals for UNL in the areas of education (resident and extension), research, and service.
- B. Recommend action to achieve the goals of UNL.
- C. Review with the Chancellor or appropriate Vice Chancellors the Comprehensive Facilities Plan, the campus master land-use plan, and facilities needs as they relate to academic and support program goals.
- D. Use all relevant information and expertise inside and outside UNL.
- E. Concern itself with goals, needs, and resources for a future period as long as is prudent and reasonable in view of the information and advice available.
- F. Empowered to recommend changes in program, including elimination.
- G. Changes or elimination of existing programs shall include time and opportunity for existing personnel to qualify for a position in another program within the University whenever this requirement will not materially interfere with UNL achieving in full measure the goals of education, research, and service.
- H. Encourage academic planning within the colleges and other units of UNL on continuing basis through joint faculty-administrative-student action.
- I. Assist the Chancellor in seeking remedies for a financial exigency.

Committee Members:

Gerard Harbison (Chair), Stephen Lahey (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), Miles Bryant, Archie Clutter, Ronnie Green, Michael Hoffman, Elizabeth (Libby) Jones, Eric Kamler, Jared Leighton, Christopher Marks, Martha McCollough, T. Jack Morris, Prem Paul, Donde Plowman, Linda Shipley, Ellen Weissinger, and Curtis Weller. Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met seven times during the Spring Semester, and five times during the Fall Semester for a total of 12 meetings. Additionally, the Academic Planning Committee met once with the Chancellor regarding general university planning. One more meeting is scheduled before the end of 2012 and seven meetings are scheduled for Spring 2013. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 24, 2013.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

- Partnering with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning streamlining the Promotion and Tenure review process.

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members have served on seven APRs in 2012

- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (March 4-7, 2012)
- School of Biological Sciences (March 11-14, 2012)*
- Animal Science (May 14-17, 2012)
- History (September 23-26, 2012)
- Biological Systems Engineering (October 29 - November 1, 2012)**
- Political Science (October 7-10, 2012)
- Modern Languages and Literatures (October 28-31, 2012)

**The Cedar Point Biological Station was also part of this APR.*

***The Industrial Agricultural Products Center was also part of the APR.*

Six APR reports were submitted to the Academic Planning Committee in 2011-2012

- Plant Pathology (APR October 4-7, 2010; Report submitted December 7, 2011)
- Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (APR April 20-23, 2010; Report submitted December 7, 2011)
- Entomology (APR September 21-24, 2010; Report submitted February 8, 2012)
- Biochemistry (APR April 18-21, 2011; Report submitted April 11, 2012)*
- Anthropology (APR April 10-13, 2011; Report submitted April 11, 2012)
- Communication Studies (APR October 23-26, 2011; Report submitted November 28, 2012)

**The Center for Biological Chemistry and the Nebraska Center for Redox Biology were also part of this review.*

Four APRs are scheduled for the Spring and Fall Semesters

- Physics and Astronomy (March 3-6, 2013)
- Computer Science and Engineering (March 24-27, 2013)*
- Food Science and Technology (Fall 2013 – Dates TBD)**
- School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (Spring or Fall 2013 – Dates TBD)***

**Lincoln and Omaha*

*** This review will include a review of the following Center: Food Processing Center*

**** This review will include a review of the following two Centers: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center and Veterinary Diagnostic Center*

Reports Received

- Microsoft Office 365 cloud-based e-mail system overview and presentation.
- Dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts update.
- Dean of College of Architecture search update.

- Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources leadership changes update.
- Dean of Cooperative Extension Division search update.
- Research and Economic Development Growth Initiative plan summary.
- Budget outlook for second year of the biennial budget.
- 14th & Vine Street Planning sector study and conceptual plan presentation.
- Inform of upcoming University of Nebraska–Lincoln Master Plan update.
- Enrollment Management Council’s Strategic Enrollment Management Plan: Campus Blueprint report.
- University of Nebraska Graduate College Guidelines for Certificates document.
- UNL Campus and Landscape Master Plan update presentation.
- Proposed privatization of University Health Center update.
- Digital Measures Activity Insight™ Program.
- Innovating Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) to 2025 overview and subsequent updates.
- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee activities.
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee activities.
- University Curriculum Committee activities.
- Aesthetics Review Committee activities.

Centers Recommended for Approval

- The University of Nebraska–Lincoln Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior

New Distance Education Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Advanced Horticulture
- Floriculture and Nursery Production Management
- Ornamentals, Landscape and Turf

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Digital Humanities
- Financial and Housing Counseling

New Undergraduate Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Applied Climate Science

New Program Recommended for Approval

- Juridical Sciences Doctor in Space Law (JSD-SL)

Create Bachelor of Science Recommended for Approval

- Supply Chain Management

Name Changes Recommended

- Change the program name, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science majors and minors in International Studies to “Global Studies”
- Change the names of the following programs to conform to the new Department name:

- The BS in Textiles, Clothing and Design to “Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design”
- The MA in Textiles, Clothing and Design to “Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design”
- The MS in Textiles, Clothing and Design to “Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design”
- The PhD specialization in Human Sciences (Textiles Clothing and Design) to “Human Sciences (Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design)”

Departmental Program Mergers Recommended for Approval

- Merge the Horticulture PhD program into the Agronomy PhD program making a single PhD program in Agronomy and Horticulture

PhD Programs Recommended for Elimination

- Eliminate the PhD program in Horticulture

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- College of Business Administration Replacement Building
- New Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center
- Brace Laboratory Renovation

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Membership

- Gerard Harbison, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee, AY2012-13, appointed on January 25, 2012
- Stephen Lahey, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 5, 2012
- Faculty Senate Representative: Miles Taft Bryant
- Graduate Council Representative: Elizabeth (Libby) Jones
- Representing Physical Sciences: Gerard Harbison and Michael Hoffman
- Representing Arts and Humanities: Stephen Lahey and Christopher Marks
- Representing Business, Education, and Social Sciences: Martha McCollough and Linda Shipley
- Representing Biological Sciences: T. Jack Morris and Curtis Weller
- Dean Representatives:
 - Archie Clutter
 - Donde Plowman
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Eric Kamler (Undergraduate)
 - Jared Leighton (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Secretary of APC
 - Ellen Weissinger

- Ronnie Green
- Prem S. Paul
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Michelle (Shelly) Green, Coordinator of APC

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to four University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member Martha McCollough
- University Curriculum Committee - Member T. Jack Morris
- Enrollment Management Council - Member Linda Shipley
- University of Nebraska–Lincoln Master and Landscape Plan Steering Committee - Member Miles Taft Bryant

Members were appointed to eleven APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
- To review proposed Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management
- To review proposed graduate certificate in Financial and Housing Counseling
- To review proposed graduate certificate in Digital Measures
- To review proposed graduate certificates in: 1) Ornamentals, Landscape and Turf; Floriculture and Nursery Production Management; and, 3) Advanced Horticulture as well as to review proposed merge of the Ph.D. in Horticulture into the Ph.D. in Agronomy resulting in a single Ph.D. in Agronomy and Horticulture, by concurrently eliminating the Ph.D. in Horticulture and renaming the Ph.D. in Agronomy as the Ph.D. in Agronomy and Horticulture
- To review proposed undergraduate Applied Climate Science degree program
- To evaluate proposed consolidation of the master's degree programs in Engineering Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering into single Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics
- To review proposed new program in Juridical Sciences Doctor in Space Law
- To evaluate proposed establishment of Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior

Other Actions

- Discussion on Employee Plus One benefits.
- Requested replacement for two APC members who resigned (Carr and Ball).
- Discussion on different approval routes of course and program approvals.
- Discussion on maternity/paternity leaves support and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- Discussion on Expedited Graduate Certificate process and involvement of the APC.
- Discussion on the activities and the role of the APC representative on the University Curriculum Committee.
- Discussion to include APC involvement in general university planning.
- Discussion on proposed changes to the University Curriculum Committee process of curriculum changes.

- Discussion on Digital Measures Activity Insight™ Program.
- Discussion on assisting to streamline the Promotion and Tenure review process.
- Conversation on the Academic Program Review process.
- Dialogue with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning streamlining the Promotion and Tenure review process as well as the Academic Program Review process.
- APC Chair, or Chair designee, is now included in Deans and Directors quarterly meetings.
- Discussion and recommendations made on UNL's Campus and Landscape Master Plan Update.

Upcoming Issues

- Revision of the APC Guidelines for Providing Information for Unit Mergers.
- Further discussion on streamlining the Promotion and Tenure review process.
- Further discussion on streamlining the Academic Program Review process.
- Partnering with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on the above two items.
- Further updates on implementation of Digital Measures Activity Insight™.
- Further discussion and subsequent conversation with the Chancellor focusing on the strategic questions impacting the institution that ultimately leads to his yearly address.
- Re-visit the topic of inviting Deans' to a future APC meeting once strategic and hiring priorities have been formulated.

Summary of Additional Activities:

The Academic Planning Committee is involved and receiving ongoing updates regarding UNL's Campus and Landscape Master Plan.

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

The Academic Planning Committee will continue to increase faculty participation in governance and campus vision.